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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For:

METHOD FOR THE GENETIC MODULATION OF THE BIOSYNTHESIS OF

HEMICELLULOSES, CELLULOSE AND URONIC ACIDS IN PLANT CELLS

USING GENE EXPRESSION CASSETTES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments are on page 8 of this paper.